

NEW COCAINE LAW, LEADERS PROMISE

Senator Wagner and Assemblyman Alfred E. Smith Will Push Amendment to Assure Conviction of Sellers.

DRUGGISTS GIVE SUPPORT

National Pharmaceutical Assn. Sends Strong Indorsement of Tribune's Fight—Waldo Begins to Show Feeble Interest in Traffic.

The disclosures of the startling case with which cocaine is being purchased on the streets of Manhattan, as shown by The Tribune's investigation, will result in an amendment to the penal law governing the handling of the drug at the coming session of the Legislature.

Senator Robert F. Wagner and Assemblyman Alfred E. Smith, who are slated for majority leaders in the two houses, will collaborate on an amendment which will go far toward eradicating the evil, according to their announcement yesterday.

Assemblyman Smith, who introduced the bills now comprising the law on the subject, said yesterday that he would introduce an amendment to the present law by which the punishment for selling cocaine would be increased from the present maximum of one year to something like five years, and which would also provide that when a man arrested as a seller attempts to dodge the responsibility by pretending to be merely addicted to the use of the drug himself he shall be committed to the inebriates' farm.

This method of evading the law is a common one among cocaine sellers, who assert, no matter how much of the stuff is found on their persons, that it is all for their own personal use. The law providing that possession of an unreasonable amount of cocaine is presumptive evidence of an intent to sell has not been practical in its workings, because the sellers are almost invariably users of the drug and can and do swear that the cocaine found on them is for their own use and that they are addicted to its use.

To Corner the Sellers.

Mr. Smith believes that an amendment providing for the commitment of the confessed cocaine user to the inebriates' farm will make it so much easier for the police to get evidence that it will reduce the evil to the minimum. "As a matter of fact, a prison sentence for a cocaine user does not break his habit, and because of the underground channels by which the drug is circulated, even through our prisons, he is likely to get as much in prison as if he were outside," said Mr. Smith. "A commitment to an open air working institution, such as the inebriates' farm, is being planned, with the attention given more toward curing than punishing the prisoners. This may break many of these poor unfortunates of the habit that has gripped them.

"Furthermore, with a certain sentence to such an institution starting them in the face those arrested as sellers will not be so eager to admit that they are confirmed users of the drug. They will be more likely to try fighting the case of selling, and thus have their cases decided on their merits rather than evade the issue by pleading to possession, as they usually do under the present law."

Senator Wagner indorsed Assemblyman Smith's ideas, and said that he would co-operate with him in getting the bill through.

"These drug users should be treated for disease rather than for crime," said Senator Wagner. "The question is altogether one of public health."

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WILSON ENJOYS ISOLATION

Happy in Bermuda with the Cable Not Working. Hamilton, Bermuda, (by way of Kingston, Jamaica), Dec. 4.—President-elect Woodrow Wilson continues to enjoy his holiday here.

GRIDIRON STAR SUICIDE

College Football Player, Despondent, Shoots Himself. Milwaukee, Dec. 4.—Henry Schoellkopf, a young attorney, formerly a star football player at Cornell and later a player on the Harvard team, committed suicide this afternoon by shooting himself in the head at his office.

HAT PLUMES TOO TICKLISH

Make Them Shorter! Demands Los Angeles Councilman. Los Angeles, Dec. 4.—Contending that "constant tickling" by hat plumes is as exasperating and menacing as the stabbing by hats, Councilman Toppan has before the city council to-day an amendment to the "hatpin" ordinance to lessen the length of millinery plumeage.

Toppan declared that large plumes worn by women tickle every one near them.

ELECTRICITY AS FOOD

Volts Increase a Man's Weight from 107 to 138 Pounds. Paris, Dec. 4.—Professor Bergonie, the originator of the theory of nourishing the human body by means of electrical currents, has communicated to the Academy of Sciences the remarkable results of a series of experiments which seem fully to confirm his claims.

Thus, a patient who was a physical wreck owing to inability to assimilate food and weighed only 49 kilograms (107 pounds), was subjected to a series of 40-minute applications of a high frequency current. He now weighs over 63 kilograms (138 pounds) and is of normal strength, although he eats much less than before the treatment.

Professor Bergonie concluded his statement with the remark: "The moment is not distant when all troubles of malnutrition will be cured electrically."

DENOUNCES "UNCLE TOM"

F. Hopkinson Smith Says Book Did Great Harm in World. Camden, N. J., Dec. 4.—F. Hopkinson Smith, writer, painter and lecturer, is of the opinion that "Uncle Tom's Cabin" has done more harm to the world than any other book ever written.

This statement was made in an address at the Camden High School, and Mr. Smith based his assertion upon the belief that the book gave to the world an erroneous conception of the life of the negro and conditions before the war. He attributed much of the bitter resentment that prevailed in the South for so many years after the war to the general ill feeling engendered by statements in Mrs. Stowe's work.

GIRL CHEATS BLUE LAWS

Miss Sears Moulds a Scheme to Let Society Skate on Sunday. (By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Boston, Dec. 4.—Miss Eleanor Sears is credited with having devised and executed a plan whereby the blue laws of Massachusetts, which prohibit skating on Sunday, have been circumvented.

With other members of society, she has formed the Boston Skaters' Association and has secured the exclusive use of the new Arena Rink for Sundays.

Sunday used to be a dull day. Some people went to church, but the others did not know what to do. So, one morning, after a coming out party at a hotel, Miss Sears and a few others wrestled with the problem of how to pass the day of rest.

NOVEL PLEA WINS HEARING

Soldier Appeals to "Dear Old President" for Back Pay. Washington, Dec. 4.—"Dear old President, I hate to give you up. God bless you." With those words an old soldier of Missouri, appealing for his "back pay," concluded a letter received by President Taft to-day. He wrote:

Dear and Well Beloved Old President: Will your honor please allow me to pen a few lines in regard to my back pay. I saw quite a while back where you ordered the paymaster to pay that lack pay not later than the coming Tuesday. I have not yet received mine. Will your honor please awaken that paymaster.

Nobody here knows what back pay is due the soldier, and Secretary MacVeagh has begun an investigation of the claim.

BEST STORAGE EGGS—2c. DOZ. Letter than any warehouse eggs you ever used. They are guaranteed sound and sweet by Acker, Merrill & Condit Co.—Advt.

CONGRESS ASKED TO AID PIER PLAN

Sulzer Offers Bill to Relocate Line to Permit of New York's \$40,000,000 Extension Scheme. Washington, Dec. 4.—In a bill introduced to-day Representative William Sulzer asks Congress to sanction the \$40,000,000 plan of the City of New York for the extension of its piers from the Battery district to West 22d street.

OVERRIDES WAR SECRETARY

Project Likely to Split the City Delegation in the House, as Brooklyn Members May Not Support the Measure. (From The Tribune Bureau.) Washington, Dec. 4.—In a bill introduced to-day Representative William Sulzer asks Congress to sanction the \$40,000,000 plan of the City of New York for the extension of its piers from the Battery district to West 22d street.

In the face of previous adverse decisions by the War Department on proposals to extend the pier line further into the Hudson, a statement by Mr. Sulzer explains that Congress has been appealed to as "a court of last resort," although it is hoped the War Department will eventually approve the comprehensive plans now under way in New York.

An additional complication arose to-day, when it was learned that the New York delegation in the House will not be solidly behind the Sulzer bill. An influential member of that delegation, in private conversation, expressed his unalterable opposition to the pier extension scheme, asserting it would be inimical to the interests of Hudson River traffic proper, and declared that "there was no need in having the city spend \$25,000,000 or \$40,000,000 for such a purpose."

It was further suggested that South Brooklyn was able to accommodate the largest ships, which remark indicated that port jealousies are already arising. When the bill comes up for report or action in the House an opposing line-up between the Manhattan Island and Brooklyn members of the delegation seems inevitable.

Provisions of the Bill.

The Sulzer bill, which was prepared by the New York Board of Trade and Transportation to-day by Frank S. Gardner, its secretary, reads:

That, in order to meet the demands of the greatly enlarged size of vessels and of increasing commerce, it is hereby provided that the pier head line in the Hudson River, on the westerly side of Manhattan Island, in the State of New York, shall be relocated as follows: Such pier head line shall begin at a point 100 feet westerly from the present pier head line opposite the southerly end of a straight line in a northerly direction to a point 100 feet westerly from the present pier head line and opposite the northerly side of the pier at the foot of West 22d street, and shall extend thence in a northerly direction in a straight line to a point in the present pier head line opposite the northerly side of West 30th street, Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, which act shall take effect immediately.

"This project is backed by public opinion, the press, the commercial organizations and the City of New York itself," said Mr. Sulzer. "The bond issue is ready, and all we want is that Congress should authorize this pier extension and aid in keeping New York the metropolis of this country."

Reasons for the Plan.

In a joint statement issued from the office of Representative Sulzer by Secretary Gardner and the New York member, the following reasons were advanced in support of the plan to provide piers of sufficient length to accommodate the greater steamships:

New York City is about to inaugurate a program for waterfront improvement which will be on a more comprehensive scale and more costly than anything elsewhere in this country, and will take several years to construct. These plans contemplate the making of permanent provision for the longest ships that will be built without ever again extending the pierhead line further into the fairway of the Hudson.

It is believed by the New York Board of Trade and Transportation that under these circumstances, the Secretary of War would grant the proposed extension, but as Congress is the court of last resort in the matter, and as the time is so short in which to lengthen the piers, they make their appeal direct to Congress to save time, which is so important. The emergency also demands that this appeal be made direct to Congress, for the extension should not be granted by the Secretary of War, and it would then be at a stage of the session of Congress which would make its consideration more difficult.

"Although the Board of Estimate has not authorized the introduction of any bill to provide for the straightening of the pierhead line between the Battery and West 30th street, in the Hudson River, President Mitchell, chairman of the terminal improvement committee of the board, said last night that the members would welcome the help of any one in getting what his committee had recommended.

The committee accepted the suggestion of the New York State Port Commission in regard to the straightening out of the pierhead line between the points mentioned. The proposed new line would permit the extension of the Chelsea piers to accommodate 1,000-foot ships and would make it possible to provide for piers over one thousand feet in length between Desbrosses street and North Moore street.

The report of the terminal committee will be approved by the Board of Estimate to-day, in all probability, after which the board will present its plan to the federal authorities for their approval.

SENATOR GUILTY OF BRIBERY.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 4.—State Senator George K. Cetone, of Dayton, was found guilty to-day of accepting a bribe of \$200 from a detective, on April 27, 1911, for his vote on the Cetone-Whittemore insurance bill in the last Legislature.

POSSES CLASH IN JERSEY MAN HUNT

Armed Farmers Threaten to Lynch Assailant of Miss Marshall; Others Try to Save Him. Trenton, N. J., Dec. 4.—Two posses have been most of the day on the trail of the man who made the brutal attack on Miss Luella Marshall, which left her at the point of death last night.

One body of men is composed of armed farmers with bloodhounds. These men have announced that if the assailant is caught he will meet swift, but not legal, justice. The other informal panel is of citizens bent on dissuading the farmers from trying lynch law.

Two bloodhounds were put on the trail this afternoon. From the spot where Miss Marshall was found unconscious the dogs followed a scent along the road for about a mile and then stopped where the Pennsylvania Railroad crossed. It was thought from this that the man had boarded a slow moving freight train and made his escape from the vicinity.

The dogs were being used by the police, and when they abandoned the trail the police decided to give up the search temporarily. The only other clues are footprints in the vicinity of the place where Miss Marshall was attacked. They were of shoes about 7 1/2 in size. Plaster casts were made of these prints and will be used in case any one is arrested for the crime which has stirred this community.

Miss Marshall is in Mercer Hospital. Her death is expected at any moment. Judge Frederick W. Glichtel and William J. Crossley, County Prosecutor, to-day made a formal request that a special meeting of the Mercer County Board of Freeholders be called for tomorrow and a substantial reward offered for the capture of the assailant. It is possible that the board will offer a reward of only \$500. Several private offers of reward have been made. Lewis A. Marshall, uncle of the victim, this afternoon offered a reward of \$500, Rudolph Marshall, a cousin, \$250, and the Ewing Township Committee \$100 for the capture, dead or alive, of the assailant.

In the mean time the police of Trenton, the County Prosecutor's force of the county and hundreds of private citizens have searched the neighborhood of the scene of the attack, the farms and the woods and the negro settlements of the city. There is the strongest feeling that he is a negro. The only clue, however, even to this slight means of identification is in the fact that in the few conscious moments of Miss Marshall she has murmured "negro, negro."

Miss Agnes Eggert, who saw the assailant as he fled, thinks he is a white man. She is not positive on this point, however, as she paid little attention to the man who ran by her as she was hastening to the aid of Miss Marshall.

STEER COLLECTED CURIOS

Butcher Amazed at Find in Animal's Stomach. (By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Moorehead, W. Va., Dec. 4.—An "old curiosity shop" was brought to light to-day by William A. Allen while he was dressing a steer. When Allen opened the stomach of the animal he was surprised to see a small vial containing a substance that had once been pills, but had been dissolved by the heat.

In rapid order the amazed butcher brought to light two keys, a penny, a collar button, an iron washer, an empty cartridge, sixteen nails, a broken piece from a set of false teeth, a penknife, two small stones, three marbles, a piece of comb, a small iron image of a bird, an iron nipple, a spoon, two screws and other pieces of scrap iron.

MAYOR HITS AT PARKHURST

Warns Scotchmen Not to Mistake Billiousness for Piety. Mayor Gaynor, in a speech last night at Kismet Temple, Brooklyn, gave a verbal slap to Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst for the latter's recent attack upon him, or so, at least, it seemed to the persons who heard the Mayor's veiled reference to persons who thought they were pious when they were something else.

Said the Mayor: "In the days of John Knox some persons thought they were being pious whereas, in reality, they were only bilious." His Honor accompanied this cryptic remark with a glance at the ceiling and with hands folded across his breast, and those who heard him were positive that it was Dr. Parkhurst himself who was being referred to.

The Mayor was the guest of honor last night at a Scottish bazaar for the benefit of the building of the proposed Caledonian Hospital, in Flatbush. The hospital will be the first institution of its kind, sponsored by Scottish people, in this country, although it will be non-sectarian in its treatment of patients.

"An unmitigated delight to anybody with humor," says the Globe of "Anatol" at the Little Theatre.—Advt.

KING CHARLES OF RUMANIA. Sovereign who is likely to be drawn into Austro-Servian imbroglio.



RICH SPINSTER ENDS LIFE AT PALISADES

Body of Miss Helen Van Nostrand Found in Hudson River at North Bergen. The body of Miss Helen Van Nostrand, fifty-one years old, was found yesterday morning in the Hudson River, near Clayton's boat house, in North Bergen. The police say she had committed suicide. She lived with her brother-in-law, Edward Cox, at No. 128 34th street, Woodcliff, Hudson County. She was possessed of considerable riches.

SLIPPERS AT TOP OF CRAG

Apparently Climbed Down Cliff in Stockinged Feet—Wandered About Clad Only in Kimono. Tuesday night she retired at her usual time, and after the other members of the family had gone to bed stole from the house and hurried to the Palisades, in Woodcliff, about a quarter of a mile from her home. A member of the family missed her from her room, and search was started. The police were asked to aid.

A pair of slippers which were identified as those of Miss Van Nostrand were found in a clump of bushes at the top of the Palisades. As she could not have cleared the shingle at the base of the crag in case she had jumped from the summit, it is believed she climbed down to the shore in her stockinged feet.

Captain Marcy was hunting about in the woods on the top of the Palisades when he came upon a fancy embroidered slipper. Cox immediately identified it as belonging to his sister-in-law. A further search revealed the other slipper a few feet away. Both these slippers were close to the rocky path which leads to Clayton's boathouse. This path is a rough and winding one, about 150 feet long, and the woman bent on suicide must have suffered severely from her walk along it.

At first it was believed the woman might have thrown herself from the top of the Palisades, but the body was free from marks such as would have been made had she done so. County Physician King says the woman was drowned, and that there are no marks of violence on the body.

The search was extended to the Hudson River shore after the slippers had been found, but it was not until yesterday that the woman's body was found floating in the water. It was taken ashore, and after being identified as that of Miss Van Nostrand was removed to the morgue at North Bergen.

The body will be shipped to-day to Baldwins, Long Island, where two sisters of the dead woman live. Burial will be in Greenfield Cemetery.

Dewey's "Brut-Caves" & "Special Sec." Champagne for the Ethic. H. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 138 Fulton St., N.Y.—Advt.

EIGHT AT FIRE DROP IN POLICEMEN'S ARMS

Family of Seven and a Neighbor Lowered from Roof in West 70th Street. Eight persons were rescued by firemen early to-day from the roof of the five story apartment house, No. 101 West 70th street, in the basement of which a fire was raging. An entire family of seven and a neighbor were lowered and dropped into the hands of policemen on a roof twenty feet below.

THIEVES WORK MEANTIME

Flat Looted of Articles Worth \$700—Man Lets Dog Fall to Save His Wife. The fire started near the air-shaft separating the house from No. 103. Flames shot into the shaft to the second floor windows and dense volumes of smoke poured out. Patrolman Feeley discovered the fire and summoned Detective Leonard and Patrolmen Goodyear, Balbert and Cook, and while Leonard rang the apartment bells in the vestibule the four patrolmen ascended the stairs, beating with their night-sticks on the doors.

In the fifth floor hallway, amid choking smoke, the officers found the Miller family, groping helplessly. They were hurried, panic-stricken, to the roof, where with difficulty the patrolmen restrained them from jumping to the street, some seventy-five feet.

While Goodyear and Cook quieted the family, Feeley and Balbert let themselves down to the roof of No. 103 and caught the members of the Miller family as they were lowered by Goodyear and Cook. Thompson appeared, choking from smoke, in the doorway on the roof, as the youngest child was caught. The Millers and Thompson were assisted to the Hotel Walton, across the street, as were the other tenants, and were there furnished by the guests with clothing.

Taking time to save only the dog, Condin had dragged his wife to a front window of their flat and crawled to the fire escape platform. Mrs. Condin lost her footing, and had her husband not caught her she would have fallen to the street.

Five years ago a fire in the same house, Margaret Martin jumped from the fourth floor and was killed.

BABY KILLED BY BOILING TEA. Newport News, Va., Dec. 4.—Mary Richardson, nine years old, accidentally upset a pot of boiling tea on her baby brother to-day, scalding him so badly that he died.

GREECE TO FIGHT WITHOUT ALLIES

"State of War Continues," Says Official Note by Turkey, Referring to Her Southern Neighbor. Constantinople, Dec. 4.—An official note issued this evening says: "An armistice has been concluded with Bulgaria, Serbia and Montenegro. The state of war with Greece continues."

TROOPS HOLD POSITIONS

Beleaguered Towns Will Not Be Revictualled, Thus Depriving Athens of Her Strongest Reason for Holding Out. Constantinople, Dec. 4.—An official note issued this evening says: "An armistice has been concluded with Bulgaria, Serbia and Montenegro. The state of war with Greece continues."

Although the complete terms of the protocol have not been made public, it is learned that the question of revictualling the beleaguered towns was abandoned, the government being satisfied that the towns were sufficiently supplied with foodstuffs to last until the inclusion of peace.

The only condition mentioned in the official communication to the press is that the troops will remain in the positions now occupied. It is understood that no limit has been placed on the armistice, which may be terminated by forty-eight hours' notice by either side. It is reported that the Turkish and Bulgarian delegates will meet again tomorrow at Bagtche for the purpose of arranging the preliminaries for the peace conference.

Speculation is rife as to the real reason for the failure of Greece to be a signatory to the armistice. It is generally felt that the mere rejection of the special Greek demands did not constitute a sufficient reason for Greece's independent attitude. These demands were the capitulation of Janina and the surrender of the Turkish troops in the islands of Chios and Mytilene.

It is hoped that the peace negotiations will be concluded in London in about eight days. Thus, with the conclusion of peace, Turkey will be free to devote all her energies against Greece.

[By Cable to The Tribune.]

London, Dec. 5.—Simultaneously with the news of the armistice comes the report from Constantinople that the Greeks have handed troops in Thrace and that an attack has been made on the Gallipoli forts. The report may be merely based on what for some time has been anticipation, but if the report is true the event is curiously well timed, since the terms agreed to, as they are now stated from Sofia, are very different from those reported from Constantinople, to which Greece took exception.

It seems probable now, however, that the whole of the five nations will sign the armistice after all, especially as, according to one source, the Greek signature has not actually been refused, but only withheld for twenty-four hours. The Athens papers, however, are bellicose in tone and talk of Greece carrying on the war singlehanded.

At first sight it would appear that the armistice conditions are very much to Turkey's detriment. Bulgaria obtains facilities to feed her troops, but no opportunities are afforded for revictualling the besieged fortresses. It must be remembered, however, that (1) there are evidently other conditions of which we have yet no information; that (2) as it was Turkey who sued for armistice it was only natural that the other side should insist on the price being paid, and that (3) Turkey alone knows how long her besieged garrisons can hold out.

The last consideration is important. If the fall of the fortresses within a brief period owing to lack of supplies were agreed, Turkey might as well have acceded to the demand for capitulation at once.

Why London Was Selected.

London is being decided upon as the place where the actual peace negotiations are to begin. It is difficult to see why the place and the time mentioned should be selected, unless the parties have some reason for believing that side by side with the negotiations there may also be going on a conference of the great powers.

It will be noticed that Premier Asquith in the House of Commons yesterday said he preferred not to make a statement in reference to the suggested ambassadors' conference in London, and the natural inference seems to be that a formal proposal for this conference has now been made and the official acceptances not yet all received.

It may be taken for granted that the proposal would not have been made unless favorable replies were assured, and thus we arrive at the probability that by the end of next week not only the five nations will be embarked on their epoch-making negotiations in London, but that representatives of the great powers will be engaged in the same work at the same place.

It is reported that Austria now has 300,000 troops within striking distance of the Servian frontier, and many vessels are assembled in readiness to transport the troops across the rivers Save and Danube. With respect to the dispute between the allies, it appears that the Greek government addressed last Saturday a dignified and touching appeal to the governments of the allies, beseeching them to take no action calculated to weaken or endanger the league. At the same time Greece offered all her naval